

# THE VVFC NEWS ALERT BACKPAGE DEC 2007/JAN 2008

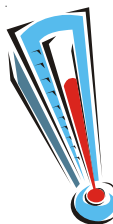


## MERCK UPDATE

Merck has reported that PedvaxHIB is currently unavailable for shipment at this time.

According to Merck, PedvaxHIB vaccine is expected to be available in the first quarter of 2008, depending on the resolution of a manufacturing issue. Sanofi Pasteur is working to provide additional ActHib to meet demand. However, there are adequate amounts of Comvax to meet historical demands but not any additional demand. Orders placed beyond the available inventory of vaccine will result in backorders.

As a reminder, MMRV (Proquad) and Hepatitis A (Vaqta) are still not available for shipment. These vaccines will hopefully be available late first quarter of 2008. Orders will be substituted with an alternative brand. Updates on vaccine supply will be provided as more information becomes available.



## NEW TEMPERATURE INDICATORS

On November 7, 2007 McKesson ceased using electronic monitors, implementing new chemical monitors. McKesson is now shipping all VVFC vaccines with the 3M Monitor Mark and ColdMark Freeze Indicator to ensure that the vaccines are received in manufacturer-recommended conditions. Please contact the VVFC office if:

- ◆ The 3M MonitorMark Time Temperature Indicator index color reads 2-5 for MMR or 3-5 for all other vaccines OR
- ◆ The ColdMark Freeze Indicator appears violet in color

## NEED MORE FLU VACCINE?



VVFC has FluMist and Fluvirin vaccine available if you need flu vaccine for your VFC eligible patients. FluMist, manufactured by MedImmune is licensed for healthy children 2 years and older. Fluvirin, manufactured by Novartis is licensed for children 4 years and older. These are the only two brands of the flu vaccine that are available. If you need more flu vaccine please call the VVFC Order Center. *Note: All children ages 6 months to <9 years who receive influenza vaccine for the first time should be given 2 doses. Children who received only one dose in their first year of vaccination should receive two doses (rather than one) in their second year of vaccination.*

## WINTER HOLIDAY SHIPPING

Because of the Christmas holiday, VVFC will not ship any vaccine the week of December 24th through the 28th. However, vaccine shipping will resume on January 2, 2008.

## NEW QA FORM SOON TO COME

Beginning January 1, 2008, VVFC will be using a new Quality Assurance questionnaire for all providers during annual site visits. The QA form is more comprehensive to comply with CDC reporting guidelines. We will provide you with more information as soon as possible.



## VVFC AWARDS

Gold Stars awarded September-November 2007.

### Exceptional Immunization Rates

Arlandria Health Center, Alexandria  
Bradlee Family Practice, Alexandria  
Inova Pediatric Center, Fairfax  
Practice of Dr. Jose, Alexandria

Pediatric Associates of Alexandria, Alexandria  
Pediatric Health Partners, Portsmouth

Winchester Pediatric Clinic, P.C., Winchester  
(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CoCASA software)

### Outstanding VVFC Compliance

Children's Clinic, Rocky Mount  
Virginia Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, Arlington  
Woodbridge Pediatrics, LTD., Woodbridge  
Children's Health P.C., Fredericksburg  
Highlands Pediatrics, Abingdon  
Practice of Dr. Piccio-Azarcon, Alexandria  
Shenandoah Pediatrics, Woodstock

## VVFC STAFF CHANGES

We are sad to announce that Kristen Harker, who has been with VVFC for almost 8 years, has moved to the private sector and will be missed.

Abigail McNamara  
Membership Coordinator  
Jovonni R. Spinner  
Interim VVFC Director

Jonna N. Turner, MS, CHES  
South Eastern Region Consultant

